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wards withdrew his indorsement. If this course is to be pursued there is no doubt of these transports carrying infectious or contagious diseases. I believe had it not been for the absence of General Humphrey, who is temporarily absent from the city, the sanitary regulations would have been enforced with the passengers on this transport.

The harbor work continues to increase as new passenger lines are inaugurated. There are now 6 lines of passenger steamers plying between this port and the United States, which include 10 steamers per week. The office work has proportionately increased.

Very respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Mortality of the city of Habana for the week ended Thursday, January 19, 1899.

Cause of death.	Total.
Yellow fever.....	1
Enteric fever.....	16
Pernicious fever.....	4
Malarial fever.....	34
Dysentery.....	2
Enteritis.....	51
La Grippe.....	1
Diphtheria.....	1
Leprosy.....	1
Pneumonia.....	11
Tuberculosis.....	40
Deaths from all causes.....	281
Annual ratio per 1,000.....	73.25

Sanitary reports from Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *December 31, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that 39 deaths have been reported for the week ended this Saturday, December 31. Of these, 2 were from tuberculosis, 17 from malarial fevers, 3 from dysentery, 10 from diarrhea, the rest from common diseases of noncontagious character. The sanitary condition of the city becomes better every day. It is the constant care and ambition of General Wood to make Santiago a perfectly healthy city as far as possible, and, the cleaning of the streets and public buildings, done by his order, has shown, in the decreasing mortality, what good government and hygienic measures can accomplish in a short time. Every Spanish government building has been disinfected and thoroughly repaired, giving the city an air of cleanliness and brightness never shown before. The market has been thoroughly overhauled, cleaned, and repaired, and strong rules and regulations dictated to insure its sanitation.

Respectfully, yours,

H. S. CAMINERO,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *January 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the sanitary condition of Santiago de Cuba is slowly improving, and, although no cases of contagious or infectious diseases prevail, the death rate is still high. I have had

mortality table blanks printed and will send one weekly, filled up from the daily reports I receive from the cemetery. This way you will be able to acquire an exact and trustworthy statement of our sanitary condition and mortality. It was always very difficult under the Spanish administration to get true statistical returns, and I have made up my mind to obtain true statistics on subjects relating to the public health. I inclose the first mortality table carefully and properly prepared for your inspection.

Respectfully, yours,

H. S. CAMINERO,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *January 14, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the sanitary condition of Santiago is not as good as last week. The malarial fevers are increasing daily, and the death rate is higher than it has been for the last two weeks. I believe the cause to be the tearing up of the old pavements and the building up of new streets. Atmospheric influences are also at work, as the temperature is high as it has not been for years, and rainfalls are of frequent occurrence. You will perceive by the inclosed mortality table that we have no contagious or infectious diseases at present.

Respectfully, yours,

H. S. CAMINERO,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

TURKEY.

Smallpox in Bagdad.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Bagdad, December 8, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to remit herewith inclosed copy of a letter, No. 116, of December 2, 1898, from the service sanitaire, in regard to the smallpox existing in Bagdad. I may here say that, according to public opinion, there were over 10,000 attacks during the last month.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

RUD. HURNER,
Vice-Consul of the United States.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Translation—Inclosure.]

BAGDAD, *December 20, 1898.*

SIR: In reply to your letters dated 18th and 20th of the current month, Nos. 245 and 248, I have the honor to inform you that according to official reports received here from his excellency the governor-general, smallpox exists in our city, and from October 22 last to November 27, of 96 cases, 66 were completely cured, 20 died, and 10 are now under treatment.

With the highest esteem,

DR. CAVALLARIE,
Sanitary Inspector.

Hon. R. HURNER, *Consul of the United States at Bagdad.*